

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year in the United States there are between 800,000 and 1,200,000 people diagnosed with bone marrow related diseases, such as lymphomas, leukemias, multiple myeloma, sickle cell anemia, and all forms of myelodysplasia. In the case of leukemia, aplastic anemia, and rare genetic disorders 75% of these patients will be under the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, every three minutes an American is diagnosed with a blood cancer; and

WHEREAS, leukemia kills more children than any other type of cancer; and

WHEREAS, most of these diseases were once considered fatal until development of bone marrow transplantation; and

WHEREAS, 25-30% of patients needing a marrow transplant will find a matching donor within their family, the remaining 70-75% must hope that a compatible stranger can be found in a national bone marrow registry; and

WHEREAS, only 2% of the United States population is on a national registry; and

WHEREAS, a white patient has a 77% chance of finding a match from a national registry, African American patients have a 23% chance; Asian or Pacific Islander patients have a 41% chance; Hispanic or Latino patients have a 46% chance, Native American patients have a 57% chance; and

WHEREAS, over 3000 people die each year because they cannot find a match; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of bone marrow transplants through increased matches decreases the cost, thus increasing accessibility; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of people registering with bone marrow programs, especially those of diverse ethnic background, increases the chance of providing effective therapy for patients with bone marrow diseases; and

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Olympia
City Council does hereby proclaim September 21, 2019 as***

OLYMPIA MARROW DONOR DAY

in recognition of World Marrow Donor Day

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 10th DAY
OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.***

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***